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## Minutes

A meeting of the Senate Infrastructure Modernization Committee was held on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 1:35 pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Capitol Building.

Committee Members present: Senators Kahn (C), Pappageorge, Booher, Jansen, Brandenburg, Hood, and Warren.

A motion to excuse all absent members was made by Senator Pappageorge and supported by Senator Booher.

Senator Kahn gave his opening remarks regarding order of business:

Organizational—adopt previous meeting minute

- HB 4630 (Rep. McCready) Vehicles; registration; registration fees; modify.
- HB 5477 (Rep. VerHeulen) Transportation; motor fuel tax; motor fuel tax; modify.
- HB 5493 (Rep. VerHeulen) Transportation; motor carrier fuel tax; flat tax rate; eliminate, and establish an 18-month limitation period for filing refund claims.
- HB 5459 (Rep. Pettalia) Sales tax; distribution; portion of sales tax revenue; earmark distribution and limit use to transportation purposes.
- SB 6 (Sen. Proos) Sales tax; distribution; percentage of sales tax collected on motor fuel to be earmarked to transportation funding in 2013 and each year thereafter; establish.
- SB 149 (Sen. Kahn) Transportation; funds; distribution from Michigan transportation fund for capital improvements; provide for.

A motion was made to approve the previous meeting minutes from May 14, 2013. Moved by Senator Pappageorge and supported by Senator Booher.

HB 4630 (Rep. McCready) Vehicles; registration; registration fees; modify.

Motion made to adopt the substitute S-1 HB 4630. Moved by Senator Pappageorge, supported by Senator Booher.

Yeas: Senators Kahn, Pappageorge, Booher, and Jansen.

Nays:

Pass: Senators Hood and Warren

Excused: Senator Brandenburg

HB 5477 (Rep. VerHeulen) Transportation; motor fuel tax; motor fuel tax; modify.

Motion made to adopt the substitute S-1 HB 5477. Moved by Senator Pappageorge, supported by Senator Booher.

Yeas: Senators Kahn, Pappageorge, Booher, Jansen, and Brandenburg.

Nays:

Pass: Senators Hood and Warren

HB 5493 (Rep. VerHeulen) Transportation; motor carrier fuel tax; flat tax rate; eliminate, and establish an 18-month limitation period for filing refund claims.

Motion made to adopt the substitute S-1 HB 5493. Moved by Senator Pappageorge, supported by Senator Booher.

Yeas: Senators Kahn, Pappageorge, Booher, Jansen, and Brandenburg.

Nays:

Pass: Senators Hood and Warren

HB 5459 (Rep. Pettalia) Sales tax; distribution; portion of sales tax revenue; earmark distribution and limit use to transportation purposes.

Senator Kahn passed this item, and explained that SB 6, Senator Proos' bill, would be the option the committee would take up.

SB 6 (Sen. Proos) Sales tax; distribution; percentage of sales tax collected on motor fuel to be earmarked to transportation funding in 2013 and each year thereafter; establish.

Motion made to adopt the substitute S-1 SB 6. Moved by Senator Pappageorge, supported by Senator Booher.

Yeas: Senators Kahn, Pappageorge, Booher, Jansen, and Brandenburg.

Nays:

Pass: Senators Hood and Warren

SB 149 (Sen. Kahn) Transportation; funds; distribution from Michigan transportation fund for capital improvements; provide for.

Motion made to adopt the substitute S-1 SB 149. Moved by Senator Pappageorge, supported by Senator Booher.

Yeas: Senators Kahn, Pappageorge, Booher, Jansen, and Brandenburg.

Nays:

Pass: Senators Hood and Warren

Chairman Kahn invited Kirk Steudle, Director of the Michigan Department of Transportation to provide testimony in support of the bill package.

Chairman Kahn invited Glenn Steffens with Senate Fiscal Agency and Matt Blinkilde with the Senate Majority Policy Office to explain the changes in the bills from the House passed versions.

Chairman Kahn invited Senator Proos to speak on senate bill 6.

Chairman Kahn invited Mike Nystrom and Lance Binoniemi with MITA to testify in favor of the bill package.

Chairman Kahn invited Rich Studley with the Michigan Chamber of Commerce to testify regarding a recent poll showing Michigan voters in support of transportation funding.

Chairman Kahn invited Ed Noyola with County Road Association of Michigan, Tom Frazier with Michigan Townships Association, Steve Currie with the Michigan Association of Counties, and John LaMacchia with the Michigan Municipal League to testify on the bill package.

Chairman Kahn invited Candace Cooper, Eunice Rose, Anna Holden, Michael Seunagal, Thomas Zerafa with MOSES of Detroit to testify to the importance of public transit.

Chairman Kahn invited James Kleimola, Laura Padalino, John Waterman with PEAC to testify to the importance of public transit.

Chairman Kahn invited Bob Morris and Joan Gebhardt of Southeast Michigan Council of governments, SEMCOG, to testify in support of the bill package.

Chairman Kahn invited Clarks Harder with the Michigan Public Transit Association to testify in support of the bill package.

Chairman Kahn invited Chris Kolb with the Michigan Environmental Council to testify in support of the bill package with amendments.

Chairman Kahn invited Ron DeCook to testify in support of House Bill 5459.

Chairman Kahn invited David Richmond with the Secretary of the State to testify in neutrality on House Bill 4630.

Chairman Kahn invited Cindy Darrah from Detroit to testify in favor of public transit.

Chairman Kahn invited Ruth Johnson and Angela Kilgore for with the Transportation Riders United to testify in opposition to the bill package if funding is not allocated through the public act 51 model and public transit is not included.

Chairman Kahn invited Ed W with the Associated Food and Petroleum Dealers, Mark Griffin with Michigan Petroleum Association, and John Griffin with American Petroleum Institute to testify in opposition to HB 5477.

Chairman Kahn read testimony cards from those in support of the bill packages and not wishing to speak.

- Ryan Dunn with the Operating Engineers was in support of the building not wish to speak.
- Jon Cool with Michigan Railroads Association was in support of the bills but not wishing to speak.
- Josh Lunger with the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce is in support of the bills but did not wish to speak.
- Andy Johnson with West Michigan Policy Forum was in favor of the bills but not wish to speak.
- Nicki Polan with Michigan Boating Industries Association was in support of the bills if the funding was run through the traditional funding formula with PA 51.

Without objection, Chairman Kahn adjourned 4:43pm.

An audio recording of this committee meeting is available upon request for a minimal fee.

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Date approved by the Committee